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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: application of: :
Feipeng Liu, et al. :
Serial No. 09/904,126 : Group Art Unit: 1711
Filed: July 12, 2001 : Examiner: Melanie D. Bissett
For: Fire Retardant Wood Composite :
Materials and Method for Making :
the Same :
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002 (Paper No. 3) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed by February 3, 2003, along with a one-month extension of time, February 2, 2003 being a Sunday.

In the Specification:

Please delete the title at page 1, line 1, and add new Title of the Invention Section as follows:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Fire Retardant Wood Composite Materials--;

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 13-20, without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications.